

Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area 2016-17 Trapping Unit Information

Wetland Units

Ten wetland units will be auctioned off for trapping during the 2016-17 trapping season. One trapper and a helper are allowed per unit. Trappers are limited to one unit on the entire marsh, either as a trapper or helper. Successful bidders and their helpers will be allowed to trap muskrats, raccoon, opossum, skunk, fox, coyote, mink, and weasel. In addition, 2 beaver and 2 otter (trapper and helper must possess a central zone otter tag) may be harvested per unit. Trapping season for all units will run from October 29, 2016 through March 15, 2017. Boats and skiffs are allowed in all of these units and ATV's may only be used on the ice. Boat motors are not allowed in the following units: J, KL, N, and OP. These units are located within waterfowl refuges. Pre-staking is allowed and stake willows may be cut on the Wildlife Area.

Youth/Disabled/Senior Citizen Trapper Unit

Any interested youth (between the ages of 12 to 17), disabled trapper (must possess a disabled hunting permit), or Senior Citizen (age 65 +) will be allowed to trap Unit N, free of charge. Trappers must obtain a permit at the auction or from the DNR office prior to trapping. Mentors may accompany permitted persons but will not be allowed to physically check or set traps.

Upland Permits

Upland trapping permits will be given free of charge. Upland trappers are only allowed to trap raccoon, opossum, skunk, fox, coyote, mink, and weasel. Species not allowed to be harvested under this permit include muskrat, beaver, and otter. Season dates for all species will run from October 29, 2016 through March 15, 2017. Upland trappers may trap on any Horicon State Wildlife Area uplands regardless of wetland unit boundaries. No wet sets will be allowed in order to minimize incidental muskrat harvest. Any incidental muskrat, otter, or beavers must be reported and dropped off at the DNR office located on Hwy 28.

Other Rules and Considerations

- All flagging, stakes, and traps must be removed by March 15, 2017.
- Trapper harvest reports are mandatory for all wetland and upland trappers. Reports are due by the 7th of each month. You may choose to call in your harvest, mail a report, or email your harvest.
- Preseason scouting by foot or boat is allowed at any time.
- Trappers will be billed \$25 for lost or unreturned keys.
- Be conscious, courteous, and respectful of other trappers, hikers, hunters, dogs, and other Wildlife Area users. Always portray a positive image because the future of trapping at Horicon depends on it.

2015-16 Harvest Report:

Trapping Unit	Bid Amount	Harvest
D	\$425	498 muskrat, 1 beaver, 1 otter
F	\$200	237 muskrat, 2 mink, 3 raccoon, 2 otter*
CEG	\$150	no trapping occurred
J	\$150	923 muskrat, 2 beaver, 5 raccoon, 2 mink
KL	\$325	358 muskrat, 2 beaver, 13 raccoon, 3 mink, 4 opossum
Bachhuber Dike	\$225	285 muskrat, 1 mink
S	\$75	17 muskrat
N (Youth)	FREE	15 muskrat, 2 raccoon, 1 otter
TOTAL	\$1,550	2,333 muskrat, 21 raccoon, 5 beaver, 4 otter, 8 mink, 4 opossum

*Incidental